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HOUSE PASSES NATIONAL DEFENSE REAUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE REPORT

Washington, D.C.—Today the U.S. House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

“Although this bill included some very important provisions, like the private security contractor provisions, it also included some provisions that are not in the best interests of the United States,” said Rep. [Name] (R-[State]).

The private security contractor provisions:

- Establish an agreement with the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Justice to ensure that private security contractors are properly trained and equipped.
- Create a database on contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan, which must contain a description of the contractor's activities and the results of the contractor's work.
- Require that any contract in Iraq or Afghanistan awarded after December 1, 2007 be properly vetted by the Department of Defense and the Department of State.
- Increase oversight by the Department of Defense and the Department of State by mandating that the contractor's work be properly monitored and reported.
- Require that within 180 days of enactment, each new contract contain a clause saying that the contractor is not to be used for any purpose other than the one specified in the contract.
- Create a commission on wartime contracting to develop lessons learned from the contractor's work.

- Expand the list of officials that whistleblowers can report waste, fraud and abuse and ex
- Direct the DOD Inspector General to conduct a report on a pilot program to impose fines